

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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Yambol Airfield

1. The Yambol Airfield,<sup>1</sup> used several years ago by the German Lufthansa Company and the CINED Company is now used by DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sudeystvie na Otbranata; Voluntary Organization to Facilitate the Defense).

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2. The large zeppelin hangar has been demolished, and a concrete runway is now located on this site.
3. In November 1953, two small piston-engine aircraft were based at the airfield.

Inspection of Artillery Units

4. During December 1953, a Soviet general inspected artillery units, armored and rocket-launcher units stationed at Durvenitsa, about six kilometers southeast of Sofia.<sup>2</sup>
5. After the inspection, firing exercises were conducted five kilometers south of Durvenitsa, with rocket-launcher and artillery units participating.

Fuel Depots 

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6. Leveling work is in progress about 10 kilometers south of Pleven and to the west of the Lovech-Pleven road.<sup>3</sup>

7. Several large capacity metal tanks can be observed  and   this is an underground fuel depot.

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Comments:

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1. This is the airfield located north of the city and used by the German aviation until 1944.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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2. It is possible that this inspection was carried out by Lieutenant General Mikhail Zavadovskii, new Soviet military attache at Sofia, who assumed his duties during the second half of November 1953, or by an inspection of a member of the Soviet military control or training mission in Bulgaria. 25X1



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